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The Church of God Evangel

ALL NATIONS MATT. 28:19

EVERY CREATURE MARK 16:15

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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The Wheat and Tares

MARGARET LEWIS

Matt. 13:24-30

This parable was spoken by Jesus over nineteen hundred years ago and no doubt He looked down in this very age in which we now live. We can look around us and see very clearly where the tares are springing up and unless the reaping is soon the tares are going to choke out much of the wheat. They are closely allied and only those who are alert can tell them. But the true children of God can tell the tares every time. There never was a time when there was so much false doctrine and so many false teachers as we see now. It is the devil's business to choke out the true gospel, but he can not prevail over God and His Word. God's Word will stand out through the ages, and He will not suffer the Truth to be crushed to earth, but will raise up a people who will hold the standard high in the midst of a gainsaying world. He will help His true children to shine out and be a beacon light in this last and evil day. Thank God, the devil can do no more than God will allow, and though the tares may try to choke out the wheat, yet the true grain can still be found standing and waiting for the final reaping day.

God wants men who will preach the old-time gospel without fear or favor, and those who are not afraid of criticism, but will look the devil square in the face and tell the truth just as it is. Thank God for the old-time gospel that will uncover the tares and help God's true grain to see just where they stand. It is not our business to try to separate the wheat and tares. That is left with God. At the proper time He will do the separating. It is our business to see that we are not the tares and to see that we measure to the standard of holiness. We are to let our light shine in this ungodly world so men and women will know just where we stand.

We may not see any good the tares are but they are left standing for a purpose. They will try to choke out the wheat, that is true, but the harder they try to choke out the wheat the harder God will work, then the true, genuine wheat will begin to look to God in prayer in the midst of the trials and will be drawn in a closer contact with God. The tares serve a good purpose in this sense even if they do cause trouble.

In Dan. 12:10 we find this, *"Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand."* Truly the trying times are on. God is trying to purify a people who will serve Him in the beauty of holiness, and is working every way He can to get this accomplished. If the people of today who are in the Church of God fail, He will raise up another people who will walk close to Him in the beauty of holiness and let Him lead.

Christ did not die in vain, and though it may look sometimes as if the tares will choke out the wheat, yet there are still a few true ones in the midst of the tares. They are all standing together now, side by side, but just wait, there is soon coming a separation. God will not allow His true ones to be crushed out entirely. He will let them go along for a while but when He sees it is enough, He will vindicate His true people and bring them out more than conquerors. We need to keep our heads above the waves and just stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. God will help us in ways we never dreamed of. We will be tested on every hand but that will only be to draw us closer to Jesus. God will not allow the devil to have the victory over His true people, so brother, sister, look up. Victory is just ahead. Jesus is likely to step on the scene at any time and take His true ones home to be with him. My, it will be wonderful. No more battles to fight, no more hard places to go through. But before that time we will have to suffer some for His cause. The apostles and prophets had to suffer and so will we, but just hold the fort, God will bring us out through it all and make us know how to trust for many things.

We will be tried to the very limit but thank God, the greater the cross the brighter the crown. Heaven will be well worth while at any price. Why need we fear these things? God is above the devil

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Notices

I would like to get in touch with someone going to the Assembly who is going through Millville, Fla. If anyone is coming by that way and can take one or two people, please write me at once.—Yours sister in Christ, Mrs. A. B. Chance, Millville, Fla.

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Being duly appointed treasurer of the assessments to be paid by the ministers in the state of Louisiana which was to go to the church that raised the most mission money per member, I take great pleasure in saying the ten-dollar reward goes to Big Creek church, Rayville, La. This church raised $2.10 per member. Hurrah! for Big Creek church. May the Lord bless you in your efforts.—Your brother and co-worker, O. L. McManus, Covington, La.

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The Church of God at Lebanon, S. Dak. is having a wonderful revival conducted by Lotus P. Gillett. Last weekend eleven had been saved, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, seventeen baptized and eighteen added to the churches at Tolstoy and Lebanon. The revival is still going strong.—Lajla Jordeth, clerk, Hoven, S. Dak.

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Dear saints, pray for the salvation of a number of my friends and loved ones who are out in sin. Also pray for me, I have rheumatism in my arm and shoulder. Please pray for God to have His holy way with us. Please pray that God will direct us and that we will be able to get in touch with the Church of God at the place we are going, Sasakwa, Okla.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Bartha Sisk, Rt. 1, Box 89, Cave City, Ark.

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There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Campus, W. Va. the fourth Sunday in October. Everybody is welcome. Come and let's enjoy a feast from heaven.—Van D. Browning, Davin, W. Va.

Have a Good Work

I would like to give you a report of some wonderful meetings we have had here at this place. Brother Ramsey and Brother Colie Edwards came first and stayed one week. God blessed in a wonderful way, some were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Next Brother Sprouse came and stayed two weeks. God blessed in a wonderful way. Some were saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, six added to the church and nine baptized.

Brother Reed then came next and stayed two weeks. God blessed. Some were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and one added to the church.

Next we had Brother W. C. Lee. He also stayed two weeks. God blessed. Thirty-two were saved, twenty-three sanctified, eighteen filled with the Holy Ghost and eighteen added to the church.

We have a good work here. God surely is blessing at this place. We have had around seventy added to the church here this year and have made around a hundred per cent gain on all lines (including financial lines). We have one of the best state overseers in the Church and would like to have him back next year if it is the Lord's will. Pray for us. We have some of the best people here that are in the church.—C. E. McAbee, 909 Parker St., Greenwood, S. C.

Believe in Loyalty

I praise God for the way He has blessed me since I have been here in Cross City, Fla. God has given the church a nice five-room parsonage which we built for them. This makes three parsonages we have built in five years. It is paid for, thank God. The membership is also doubled. We praise God for the faithful people of God at Cross City. They have stood by us; they are few in number, yet they believe in loyalty. Yes, we are small in number but our God is a big God. Yes, they send their preacher to the Assembly, they believe in that. Praise Him for His mighty acts.—R. F. Kirkland, pastor, Cross City, Fla.

A Prosperous Year

LINDEN, Fla.—Our church building was located about one mile out on a very bad road and had gotten in bad condition. Brother J. B. Camp, our former pastor, and members agreed on moving and rebuilding. A very desirable lot was purchased in town, the old building wrecked and some new material purchased to complete the new building. Brother Camp worked faithfully and accomplished all he could.

Then Brother E. L. Newton came and took up the work. The pastorium was then moved to the new location. Brother Newton and his wife have worked faithfully in ever department of the church, encouraging and boosting through cooperation of the church and Y. P. E.

The Y. P. E. raised money to paint the church and the outside and part of the inside of the pastorium. The amount raised by the Y. P. E. was $66.24. The Dorcas Circle, co-operating with Sister Newton, worked and raised $143.33 with which they purchased a new living and dining room suit and many other articles. Electric lights have been installed in both buildings and a pump put on the ground all fenced in. This all looks nice and neat and we are very proud of it and thankful to the Lord for His goodness and blessings to us and to those who cooperated with us in this wonderful work.

Sunday, Aug. 29, at 10:00 a. m. our Sunday School opened with songs, prayers, and a good lesson. We had good attendance. After the lesson we had good choir singing, prayers and special singing. Brother Newton, our pastor, spoke a few words on "Preparation." If we ever expect to accomplish anything we first need to make preparation. In order to be prepared for this dedication service it was needful for us to work. Brother Newton and his wife, with the co-operation of others, did not stop until they made things ready, also cleared off all the church debts which amounted to $1,073.97, including freewill offering, mission and orphans. We are thankful to say that our pastor and his wife keep things moving until there is something accomplished. Truly the Lord is blessing their efforts and we appreciate what they have done for us this year. After this short message Brother E. W. Williams preached a very good sermon on "Dedication," which was enjoyed by those present. It seemed that the Lord especially anointed this message, and the main point of the subject was the need of us Christians dedicating ourselves to the Lord as we dedicate His house to Him. Many hearts were blessed and encouraged, and not only the Linden people enjoyed the good blessings in our dedication service but many ministers from other places. After this we were dismissed for dinner, and we had plenty of good eats.

Soon after dinner we met for the afternoon service which began with songs and prayers. Brother Phillips came forward with a message. After this message Brother Williams gave an encouraging talk on "The Soon Coming of Jesus and the Need of Being Ready." The day's program closed with several at the altar crying for a deeper experience with the Lord. We were very glad to have each visitor with us and welcome them back again.

At 8:00 p. m. service began with good singing and prayers. Our pastor brought a good message. We are sure there was much spiritual fruit received from these messages that day.

We are praying for a revival at this place and especially request each one to pray at least one prayer for this revival that great good will be accomplished. We are so grateful to the Lord for all His blessings this year and we are expecting Him to continue to bless. I have received more good advice and encouragement this year to serve and work for Jesus and I want to be true to Him. Pray for our revival and me.—A little one in Christ, Rubye Black.

Faith In God

T. S. PAYNE

The great heroes of the faith chapter —Hebrews 11—provide an excellent review of the messages in Genesis. The entire summary from the creation to the hope for the future expressed by Joseph, revolves around the word "faith." The saints and sages of old had many noble qualities but these were all rooted in the fundamental of all virtues—that faith in God without which "it is impossible to please him." Philosophy and human research often bog down in the confused bypaths of unbelief and partial knowledge, but faith cuts right through the clouds and the confusion and understands that God is the Creator of all things.

If we would know things we should believe God. This sinful world is almost full of cults and religions of almost unbelievable diversity, and of appalling insufficiency for the needs of the human family.

Only when man does as did Abel, and worships God in accordance with God's holy law, will he obtain "witness that he is righteous." It is in such cases only that faith triumphs. The societies and associations of man fumble around trying to establish "good will," "fellowship of faiths," and what not, only to fail, but when a man knows God as Enoch did then he is ready for true fellowship with his brother.

When a person has implicit trust in God all the uncertainties of life will vanish. It is easier to talk about doing things than it is to perform the doing of them.

We should believe not only that God is but by faith we must recognize Him "as the rewarder of all them that diligently seek him." It is a common saying among people that, "I do not know where I am going but I'm on the way." This certainly represents a dangerous philosophy of life. Faith in God will enable you to go with Abraham who "when he was called went out not knowing whither he went." He knew God and that was enough to call for unquestionable obedience.

The great need of the hour is men of vision. Then, we need men of faith who can see the unseen, who can see the city "which hath foundations whole builder and maker is God." On every field of battle against spiritual wickedness in high places, vision has marched before victory. All the great, noble, consecrated missionaries dreamed dreams and saw visions before they achieved lasting victories in distant lands.

God gave a promise and the only means of fulfilling that promise was about to be taken away, but Abraham did not hesitate for he believed God was able and ready to raise the dead, if necessary, to fulfill His promise.

Have all our prospects been crushed to the ground? Is everything hopeless, humanly speaking? God is both willing and able to make all things work together for good to them that love Him. Let us look forward then with the look of faith in God. Isaac's blessing concerned "things to come." Jacob, too weak to stand alone, leaned on his staff and worshipped God with a faith that could not be shaken. Joseph gave commandment concerning his body, looking forward to God's fulfillment of the promise. Our hope in God is not merely a wishful desire that an unbelievable thing may somehow occur. That would be an unbelievable misuse of the word "hope."

To the child of God hope means a well-grounded assurance that God will keep His Word.

Frostproof, Fla. Revival a Success

FROSTPROOF, Fla.—A revival began Aug. 8 and closed Sept. 19. Brother W. B. Sumner did the preaching. His soul-stirring messages were enjoyed by all as they went forth under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The town and community at large was stirred as never before. We had real good attendance every service. Most of the time there wasn't anything like seating space to accommodate the people. Interest was good throughout the revival. We certainly thank the Lord for the people of Frostproof of other denominations who came out and helped with their presence and finance to make the revival a success. Also we appreciate the faithfulness of the saints of this local church as they worked so faithfully throughout the revival. The special singing rendered by Sister Ruby Rhoden and children was appreciated and enjoyed by all. The altar was filled with seekers in most every service with about thirty at the altar the night the revival closed. There were about twenty-five saved and sanctified, twenty-three filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty-two baptized, and thirty-five added to the church. For this we give God all the honor and praise.

We saints had prayed earnestly for months for a revival, therefore, God wonderfully came to our rescue. Several were wonderfully healed by the power of God. One lady who was in a serious condition with T. B. in the last stage was prayed for. God wonderfully touched her body and sanctified her. She began at once to straighten up her back life. Now she is able to be up and comes to church. One other we would like to mention was a sister who had been sick for some time. Her doctor said she must stay in bed three weeks. She spent part of this time in bed as he advised. She sent for the saints. They went and prayed for her and God instantly healed her. She came to the revival and received the Holy Ghost. Eternity alone will tell all the good that was accomplished in this revival. We felt the revival should run on but as it was so near time for the Assembly to begin we thought it best to close. We have had a good year at Frostproof. There certainly are some fine people here. Remember us when you pray.—Your brother in Christ. Morris Wiggins.

He Has Wonderfully Taken Care of Us

BALDWIN PARK, Calif.—I thank the Lord for the many good things He has done for me. He saved me when I was a child, several years later He sanctified and baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost. Something over sixteen years ago while living in Pennsylvania my husband died. About a year before he died God saved him then took him home to glory. I was left with three boys and surely God's Word is true as He said He would be a husband to the widows and a father to the fatherless. He has so wonderfully taken care of us. Praise His name!

After coming to California I found the Church of God in Baldwin Park. I am perfectly satisfied that it is the best this old world has and has some of the best people. I love its teaching and am glad to measure up to every line. I mean to stand true until Jesus comes. I desire the prayers of God's people everywhere. I want to add too that God has healed me so many times for which I humbly thank Him.—In His name, Anna B. Main, 280 Chevalier St.

Reports Victory for Church

W. ST. LOUIS, Mo.—We are reporting victory for the Church of God here. We have had several revivals during the year, in which the Lord blessed. We are looking in the near future for an outpouring of God's Spirit upon souls. Thank the Lord for our pastor who, though a young man, is not afraid of the devil and preaches the Word with boldness without compromising. The Y. P. E. meetings are gaining ground and we desire the prayers of every one that we may win many souls.—Myrtle Graves, clerk.

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Editorials

NOTE OF THANKS

As this is the last paper before the Assembly, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the people on the field for their hearty co-operation for this great work. We feel that the Publishing House couid not be a great success without the hearty co-operation of the people on the field. We had hoped to double the subscriptions for the Evangel this year, but on account of so many state papers it makes it rather hard to increase the subscription list of the Evangel. We have tried such methods as we thought would be best suited to create interest in the Evangel. Of course the paper will not pay its own way and it is through the job work and other printing done by the House that we are able to send the paper. The Evangel crew sends greetings to all the people in the United States, islands of the seas, and foreign countries, wherever the great Church of God is. The hearty co-operation of the Evangel force with me is a great pleasure. May the Lord bless every one of you abundantly. I hope to see each one of you at the Assembly.

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THE CRISIS OF ZIONISM IN ITS FORTIETH YEAR

"Thus saith the Lord God; I have lifted up mine hand, Surely the heathen that are about you, they shall bear their shame" (Ezek. 36:7).

The fortieth year of Zionism (40 the Bible number of Israel's testing) and the Palestine situation come to a crisis in the recommendation of the Royal Commission, accepted by the British Government —that the land be partitioned between Arab, Jew and the Mandate government.

All Jewish papers say that this action (yet to go before the League of Nations) is certain to precipitate a battle unparelleled in Jewish history. The outcome may be of the greatest prophetic significance, but it is clear that the Commission's proposals bear no relation to the prophecies as to God's solution to the Palestine question.

One can only surmise at the moment what the Zionist leadership and World Jewry are contemplating doing in answer to such a "betrayal" on the part of a great Empire that faithfully promised to facilitate the establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine.

But here are some typical editorial statements in Jewish papers:

"We must be ready, for a call may come at any moment to mobilize our entire forces so that with a unified effort, we shall at the same time proceed with the realization of our ideal and meet the treacherous gift presented to us by Great Britain at this so critical period that our people are facing the world over.

"Palestine is to be rebuilt! Palestine is to become the Jewish National Home! Partition or no partition; Arabs or no Arabs; Royal Commission or Royal irresponsibility—we have learned something in our historic tragedy and that lesson shall inspire us to overcome all the difficulties no matter where, from whom, or when they come.

"Mobilization of all our forces is the call of the hour and we shall be ready!" (Jewish Voice.)

"Zionism has made great strides since the pre-war days. These strides have been made not without reason. If we harken back to those troublous days, the array of obstacles in the path of reconstruction seem monumental compared to the present problem. In tracing the course of Zionism since its entry into the realm of practical affairs of the world, Jewish leadership has successfully guided the development of Palestine as a Jewish homeland. It will continue to do so." (Bnai B'rith Messenger.)

There is probably much justification for the statement of Louis Lipsky, American member of the Jewish Agency for Palestine:

"Had Great Britain adhered to the principle of economic absorptive capacity, there could have come into Palestine during the past five years at least 300,000 additional Jewish settlers, and thus there could have been provided place for tens of thousands of exiled Jews from Germany or Poland. But Great Britain used Palestine as a pawn in the imperial game which it was playing in the Near East. Its policy during the past twenty years can be characterized as a policy of dividing and ruling, creating irritations and prejudices in order to serve later as the pacifier. This policy has resulted in recurrent disorders, in growing dissatisfaction on the part of both Jews and Arabs, in sabotage of government and of the agricultural and industrial life of the land."

A good part of the Christian community of Palestine is disturbed at the prospect of being a minority in a Moslem State uncontrolled by the British. In spite of the apparent good relations between Christian and Moslem Arab nationalists, the Christians would prefer to be under British, or even Jewish, control so long as they are a minority.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, leader of the American Zionists says: "We are not helpless either as far as the League is concerned or as far as the United States is concerned or as far as world opinion is concerned. The fight must be fought to a finish. The one thing we dare not do is to lapse into defeatism."

Lord Melchett, prominent industrialist and chairman of the Council of the Jewish Agency for Palestine declared: "We will now allow the (Zionist) movement to be driven to defeat. We will never accept terms meaning the end of the Jewish national home."

New York Times puts the matter in a nutshell editorially:

"It is difficult to escape the conclusion that partition is a weak man's solution based on defeatism. The commission frankly accepts the thesis that the present mandate cannot be made to work; that 'impartiality and conciliation' by the Mandatory have failed; that an 'irrespressible conflict between two national communities' has been engendered by the attempt to reconcile under the mandate the conflicting aspirations of Zionists and Arabs; and that it seems probable that the situation, bad as it now is, will grow worse.' But the very arguments used to support these pessimistic conclusions can be urged against the partition scheme itself."—*Prophecy.*

LIFE'S INSTRUCTION

Life is but one continual course of instruction—The hand of the parent writes on the heart of the child the first faint characters which time deepens into strength so that nothing can efface them. —R. Hill.

The PERRY-SCOPE

TREASURES—NEW AND OLD FROM FAR AND NEAR

Conducted by Sam C. Perry

Time to Pray

As we come to the end of the year, and to the great Annual Assembly, it might be a good time to "take stock," or examine ourselves and our standing before God.

1. If we have made progress, and enjoyed a special season of grace this year, and have advanced in the things of God, it is well enough to recount our victories and give God glory for them all.

2. If we have fallen short and can only look back over shortcomings and failure, still it is best to take an honest look at ourselves, and then see what can be done about it in the days that are to come.

3. Then let it be our purpose to humble our hearts before God, and make a new start for bigger and better things, and the time to make such a move is now.

Of course every speaker, singer, musician, or whatnot, will seek to be at his best for his part in the Assembly. Remember, a correct personal relationship to God furnishes the only proper outlook for any of us—if we want to find what God's will is for us, and where He would send us next.

Faith Tried

By faith we live. We are purified by faith. It is by faith we overcome the world. How many things are ascribed to faith? "All things are possible to him that believeth." And for all this how strange that faith is TRIED. It might be easier to think of being tried concerning the peace and joy of our hearts, or over healing, finances or guidance, but we had not thought so much about our faith being tried. But after all, if we live by faith, stand, walk, and overcome by faith, what is there to be tested but our faith? Every blessing is a fruit of faith. Would Satan be fool enough to pluck the fruits from the tree, or would he not rather take a shot at the life of the tree? It is the condition and development of the tree that determines the fruit.

THE TRIAL OF FAITH A BLESSING

In James 1:2, 3 we have these startling words: "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations: Knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience (steadfastness). But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory," 2 Cor. 4:17.

IT IS FOR A PURPOSE

It is said in Prov. 17:3 that "the fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the Lord trieth the hearts."

In the "fining pot" and "furnace" silver and gold are refined, and a like process is the trial of the faith of God's saints for their refining. David prayed, "Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try the reins of my heart" (Psa. 26:2). Job was not ignorant of the benefits of trial and afflictions. He said, "But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10).

A SIGN OF GOD'S LOVE FOR HIS OWN

The trial of our faith, which is often a furnace of affliction experience, is an indication of God's love for, and interest in us. "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth" (Heb. 12:6). And Job says (7:18), "What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? And that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every moment?" And again it is said, "The Lord trieth the righteous," but the wicked "his soul hateth" (Psa. 11:5).

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE A TRIED PEOPLE

Concerning God's people in the latter days, it is said, "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried" (refined) (Dan. 12:10), and this means a furnace of suffering and pain. And Saint Peter says (1:7), "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, THOUGH IT BE TRIED WITH FIRE, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." In 1 Thess. 2:4 Paul assures us that as God's messenger he had been tried and tested and stood approved of God. And thus God tests and proves all who go through with Him.

When you seek God, and in a large measure, do not be surprised at the tests through which He will take you. He said to Israel: "I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction" (Isa. 48:10). They were refined as gold to be accepted with Him (Zech. 13:9) and that they might be able to offer what he required (Mal. 3:3).

The true faith of God's elect has held in all the ages past, and today it is the same still.

The Ten Virgins

All were expecting the bridegroom to come.

All had lamps in preparation to meet Him.

All waited and slept together.

At the call all arose and trimmed their lamps to meet the bridegroom.

The only difference:

The wise had oil—the foolish had none. Have you oil—the Holy Ghost?

Young People's Corner

The Most Important Thing

"The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits," 2 Tim. 2:6.

These words were written to a young man, and are as true today as when written. The conditions of salvation for young or old are the same, its general results in life are the same. And the essential qualities of a successful Christian worker are the same in the young and old. However, this lesson is more especially for the young.

1. It is an encouraging thing to see our young people studying and applying themselves to spiritual things. But this is essential if they are to go on with God, and make the best of "themselves in life." We believe that all young people should be encouraged to study the Bible and to read such literature as will help to build a life of faith in God. Personally we think that any, preachers or laymen, who study the Bible little or read little are a poor type of what we profess.

2. Many of our young men and women take up singing and the playing of musical instruments. This is to be commended too. The music and singing has meant a great deal in the meetings, both small and large. But there is room for improvement here. And above all, our singing should be spiritual, in keeping with the spiritual tone of our movement. We will do well to guard this point.

3. As a rule, our young people have done well in keeping separate from the world and its spirit. We commend them for this. But we must never let up in our fight on this line. Satan has no more subtle scheme for ensnaring the young than pride, love of fashion and the love of the world. Satan never lets up, his mills grind day and night and he never ceases.

4. But for young, as well as the old, the greatest thing is to keep the heart right with God all the time and everywhere. Everything depends on this. If you are right with God, He will help you to solve every problem of life, and will give grace in the right performance of every

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News from the Mission Field

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

WAR-BOUND IN CHINA

BY J. H. INGRAM

SHANGHAI, China, Aug. 21, 1937. —The S. S. "Sewa Maru" of the Nippon Yusen-Kaisha — Japan mail line — on which I traveled to China, was commandeered by the Imperial Japanese Government on arrival at Hong Kong, and ordered to Shanghai for the purpose of embarking Japanese refugees caught in the war zone between the opposing armies. We arrived at the mouth of the Yangtsze Kiang river about midnight the second day out from Hong Kong and anchored until daylight, as it was reported that the navigation lights were out and that the river had been mined. Several other merchant ships were anchored near-by, and a number of grim-looking Japanese warships stood watch while we slept. With the coming of day we resumed the journey upstream where we reached the mouth of the Whangpoo river in about four hours' time. There we were stopped again by the warships as a terrible battle was going on at Shanghai, thirteen miles up the Whangpoo. There were about twenty war vessels within sight of us and a continual line of them strung out up the river—some forty miles or more. Part of the ships were anchored, others steaming up and down the river. The Yangtze Kiang is about thirty miles wide where it empties into the Yellow Sea—which is rightly named—but the Whangpoo is a bare half mile or less in width, although the channel is quite deep, allowing the largest ships to navigate freely. We could see the awful destruction being wrought by the bombardment of the naval guns from the warships and the bombing by planes.

The ship proceeded very slowly with the warships alongside laying down a barrage of shell-fire to hold back the Chinese troops attacking from the shore with heavy artillery. Just as dark was settling down upon the scene, the ship ran aground. We were eating supper and all of a sudden every light went out. Being an ex-service man, I knew what it meant—an air raid—so I hurried quickly to my state room and got a flashlight and lighted the way to the lower decks for women and children passengers who were scurrying to places of safety, before returning to the top deck. I must say that the women showed more bravery on the occasion than did some of the men. When I reached the superstructure deck, two women were up there watching the battle, with warships only a few feet away—I estimated some to be no more than thirty feet from our ship—and shells falling everywhere with bombs and anti-aircraft shells bursting in air. The women were driven below by the Japanese officers, and they tried to shift us men but we refused to budge. There was no safe place really, as you never knew when the ship would be blown up by a mine or torpedo. I felt so sorry for the poor Chinese I could do nothing but cry and pray for them.

It was about 9:30 p. m. before the ship was pulled off the ground, and she had to be run backwards upstream to the dock with all lights out. Japanese cruisers and destroyers were steaming past us with all lights extinguished, firing their guns to hold back the Chinese until we got ashore.

IN NO MAN'S LAND

The part of the city where I landed was in the military zone and a virtual "no man's land," with all lights out and a battle raging. How I got through God only knows. The Lord never seemed more real to me, and took away all fear until it was no more than a Fourth of July celebration—with fireworks.

I started alone to walk about a mile and a half through the Japanese lines, but met a German man who landed from the same ship, and we two set out together. We saw only one man along the way and he was lying on the sidewalk apparently dead. We had not gone far until challenged to halt—I suppose—as I did not understand his Japanese. I found myself suddenly between two troopers with fixed bayonets held to my sides, and another standing in front with an automatic pistol extended with the muzzle nearly touching my stomach. Our captors took away my flashlight and one of them knew enough English to say, "Go," so we went, with the troopers walking behind. We dared not look back, and for all we knew were going to be shot. Many have been taken in this manner, shot, and hacked to pieces with swords, bayoneted and thrown into the Whangpoo. We saw the dead bodies of some floating down the river as the ship was docking, and wondered how they met their fate. We met the captain of the guard at another outpost, and after some discussion they decided to let us go, and gave us a pass. We were near being shot before having time to explain at another post—or we felt so as we blundered upon a sandbag barricade in the unlighted street, where a squad of soldiers were lying in wait with fixed bayonets, and the clicking noises heard suggested that firing pins were being pulled back into position. I must have been taken for a spy with my camera, flashlight, and briefcase tagged with stickers from nearly all over the world. On reaching the International Zone an English officer picked us up and took us to a place of safety—if there is such a place here. We are surrounded by two great armies numbering tens of thousands, who are locked in deadly combat.

Fighting is going on almost incessantly, day and night. Shanghai is one of the world's greatest and most cosmopolitan cities, having nearly four million inhabitants—in fact, the latest census registers 3,575,170, and there are tens of thousands rushing into the neutral zone to escape the awful calamity. Yet there is really no neutral zone. One shell exploded on the deck of the U. S. S. Augusta and killed one sailor and injured eighteen others. Bombs falling everywhere most and killing as high as a thousand at a time. As I was eating dinner today a huge shell exploded in the business section. On running out the street was filled with the dead and dying and the place looked like an earthquake had struck it. The full count of the dead has not been given yet but is said to be more than three hundred. A large section of the city is burning and has been for several days. At night it looks like the end of the world. In fact, many thought the end had come. Air battles going on overhead with anti-aircraft shells bursting in the air makes it very dangerous to go about the streets.

The U. S. Government is moving our people to Manila, Philippine Islands for safety, but there is no peace there. At the time the first shipload of refugees were landing, a great volcano was letting loose and an earthquake struck Manila putting out the lights and buildings were tumbling down, people fainting, etc., and that's the way the reports go—no end of trouble, woe! woe! woe!

CONCLUSION

We have wonderful opportunities here for the Church of God, but I am a victim of these circumstances along with others, and it seems utterly impossible to do anything at this time. They are having floods and earthquakes north of here in the Yellow river country, where I was bound for. Japan has landed about 100,000 soldiers in north China and the battle is strong up that way. Please pray for China, especially the missionaries and native Christians. The suffering that is going on here is too awful to describe in words. I have done nothing but pray and cry as I am so disturbed over this terrible war of aggression. I feel like joining the

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REVIVALS

BIRCHWOOD, Tenn. — The Church of God at Earls Grove closed a two weeks' revival Sept. 12 with Brother E. L. Tapley of Lindale, Ga. in charge. Eight were saved and reclaimed, three sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, nine added to the church and eleven baptized. We give the Lord all the glory.—Mrs. Nola Lewis, clerk.

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CHICAGO, Ill.—Dear saints, I know someone is watching for a report of our revival. Our four weeks' revival closed last night, four being saved and several seeking the Holy Ghost. We will still keep the M. E. church for Tuesday and Sunday nights with Sunday School in the afternoon at 2:30 p. m. God has given us a mission at 221 Madison St., Phone, Seeley 2194. If you are passing through Chicago we will be happy for you to stop if you are foursquare Church of God. Also write us and pray for the work that God will get glory for the work.

I would like to be at the Assembly but I feel I must finish my work before He comes for me. I am now sixty-two years old but He is giving me some help. Praise His dear name. We have four men now to come into the church and some of our dear ones who want to be reinstated. If ever an eagle watched her little ones I mean to watch, for three times I have cried before God for Chicago. If you dear saints will pray God will do big things. This church is up in the nicer part of the city and on one of the big boulevards.—Your humble sister, Evangelist Amelia Shumaker, 2206 Warren Blvd.

Spent the Day in Prayer and Fasting

STARKEY, Va.—Dear readers, we praise God for His innumerable blessings bestowed upon us. We thank Him today for our new church building. We had our first Sunday School in the new church building Sunday morning with seventy-six present, and best of all God was with us. We spent the day in prayer and fasting and our hearts overflowed with joy and thanksgiving unto God and His dear Son Jesus for all they have blessed us with.

We can't thank God enough for our good pastor and his wife, for they surely labored and sacrificed for us here. The church has been organized four years this fall and there had never been any effort put forth until he came here for a church building. He has already helped to get the building up. We had been having services here in our basement and it was so hard to get people to come out, but the saints prayed and held on and we thank Him because we have overcome through the dark days and feel that victory is ours now if we keep right on praying. Praise His name!

We are all praying that the Lord will let us have our good pastor back another year as we feel he is just getting to where he can do something here for God. Everyone please pray for the revival and that souls will be stirred as they have never been before.—Mrs. O. B. Garner, clerk.

If We Are Faithful We will Win

CULLMAN, Ala. — The meeting at Jones Chapel Church of God was a great success. I received great blessing, and the church is in harmony and moving on fine. You can feel the power of God when you enter the house. God and Brother Pearson are due the praise for this. There is great fellowship in the church. Brother Pearson is a man of God and has the love of Christ burning in his soul. I love him, God loves him and all the members love him and if God be for him who can be against him. He is a good pastor such as God and the church need at Jones Chapel.

We have a lovely flock and I love them all. Brother and Sister Sanlin are due a lot of honor for there being a Church of God there. They held on and prayed and agonized with God until they got a church started. That shows if we are faithful we will win. We had a wonderful revival. About eleven received the Holy Ghost, I think. We give God the praise for it.

I praise the Lord because I am still on the firing line and feel His good presence just now.—W. A. Wildmon.

Our Healer for Sixteen Years

STEPROCK, Ark. — Dear saints, I praise my Redeemer and King for His wonderful love and tender mercy. On Aug. 9 Brother B. C. Sturch had a catch in his back and couldn't walk. Four of us went and prayed for him and the Lord instantly healed him of the catch. He also healed him of a rupture that he had had for four years. Thank God, he laid aside his truss and is sound and well.

Brother A. R. Willingham and our pastor, W. V. Johnson, were conducting a revival. We praise the Lord for sending Brother Willingham here and hope he will come back.

On Aug. 16 my wife took seriously ill with something like paralysis. She couldn't move her hand or foot and couldn't speak. I sent for the saints and began to pray for her and the Lord saved my little girl and touched my wife. He raised her up in the bed but she couldn't speak. I just kept praying and some of the saints came in and began to pray. My wife began to praise the Lord for His healing power.

Well, He has been our healer for sixteen years. We use James 5:13-17. I find it to be reliable and sure. Please pray for this place that God will bless and save souls.—H. L. Berry, assistant pastor.

Home Coming at Mt. Vale

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. — The home coming at Mt. Vale Aug. 29 was well attended. People were there from all over the district, also from North Carolina. We were glad to have them with us. The services began with singing and music rendered by those from North Carolina, Jefferson City and Cedar Hill. Brother John Whitehead made a talk on the Sunday School lesson which was enjoyed by all. After this an offering was taken for the Sunday School. Brother Devotie, our good pastor, made everybody feel welcome. Brother Jones conducted a good testimony service. The Lord blessed wonderfully. Brother Walker, our district pastor, made a short talk on the orphanage home after which an offering was taken for same. Brother Floyd Collier brought us a wonderful message which was enjoyed by all. After this we had dinner which the good people of Mt. Vale had prepared.

In the afternoon we had several talks by the visiting ministers who were Brother Brummer of Cedar Hill. Brother Case of Morristown, and Sister Cane of Morristown, which were all enjoyed. After this a mission offering was taken. Our pastor gave an altar call, God wonderfully blessed. The home coming came to a close with handshakes and goodbyes. Please pray for the work at Mt. Vale.—Viola Kimbrough, clerk.

Prospects Look Encouraging

We sound a note of praise to our blessed Lord for what He is doing for us at Thomasville. We started our Sunday School the first of this quarter with just a few. We now have twenty-nine on roll and expect to have forty by the time this quarter goes out. The Lord is blessing wonderfully, bless His name. We covet the prayers of all the saints.—J. M. Hartline, pastor; J. M. Vice, Sunday School superintendent.

Holy Ghost Fell on Me

ORLEANS, Mich.—Dear saints, I've had quite a few boils but the Lord healed them. I've had salt rheum and the Lord healed that. My mother and I were praying and the Holy Ghost fell upon me, then I had a vision.—Willard Sweet.

Reports

Good Work at Black Wolf, W. Va.

We have just closed a three weeks' revival at Black Wolf, W. Va. The Lord surely did bless us there. He gave us eighteen souls. Praise His name! Two received the Holy Ghost and several were saved. We set a church in order there with fourteen fine members, nearly all of whom were adults. There are others who are coming in soon and some by transfer. Everything looks good for a wonderful church at Black Wolf. We have had some hard grades to pull through, but if you will hold on to Jesus with prayer and fastings He surely will pull you over the top.

We have a wonderful Sunday School there. We won the state and district banners by having a 140 per cent increase. We have a good Y. P. E. also. Everything is going fine at Black Wolf. We have a fine building to worship in. We thank God for everything that He is doing at Black Wolf for us. You know the good Word says we can do all things through Christ Jesus. Praise His name! Pray for the good work to move on at Black Wolf. Brother Harry Powell of Gary, W. Va. did most of the preaching during our revival. He is a good speaker and God blesses his work. May God bless all who read this.—Your friend in Christ, Geo. L. Berry, pastor.

Report of North Georgia Y. P. E. and S. S. Convention

The North Georgia Y. P. E. and S. S. convention convened at Lindale, Ga. September 18, 19, Brother Joe L. McCoy in charge.

The visiting delegates appreciated the hospitality and kindness expressed by the entertainment committee: Brothers E. M. Tapley, Earl Smith, Olin Smith, and W. H. Black, with the co-operation of the church folk of Lindale and Rome. Not only were the delegates welcomed into the private homes, but a "sandwich dinner" was spread Sunday noon for everyone.

Saturday night after the welcome address by the pastor of Lindale church, Brother E. M. Tapley, the response was given by several brethren. This was followed by an inspiring sermon, "The Duty of the Church to the Y. P. E. and the Y. P. E. to the Church," delivered by Brother T. C. Franklin, North Carolina Y. P. E. and S. S. superintendent. Brother Franklin urged that the young people be given something to do for God and His cause, as the evil one is offering something in an effort to steal the souls of our young people. The presence of God was felt in a wonderful way and at the close of the message the altar was filled with young folk; some came to find God, others came for deeper experiences.

Sunday morning the Y. P. E. and S. S. district superintendents or other representatives from each district gave short talks about their various activities. These reports were interesting as they gave a general idea of just what each neighboring district was doing. After these reports Sister Ruth Holt of Atlanta spoke on "The Sunday School and its Origin."

Sister Alda B. Harrison, editor of the Lighted Pathway, delivered a message to the young people, urging that each young life be consecrated—yes, consecrated, talents, money, etc. Sister Harrison told of the usefulness of lives consecrated in youth, the springtime of life, instead of waiting until autumn or even winter, old age, when the body usually begins to give way under oppressing cares of life and the ability for service is less. The young people of Georgia appreciate Sister Harrison's constant efforts with the Y. P. E's in that she is not only aiding in the saving of souls, but also the saving of whole lives, because the salvation of a soul in youth means a whole life saved. Sunday afternoon Brother A. H. Griffin, pastor at Buford, Ga., preached a sermon that offered courage to every young Christian present. His theme was "The Opportunity of the Youth."

During the convention good musical numbers were rendered, these included congregational and special. The Lavonia string band and Ralph Jarell of North Carolina furnished good instrumental numbers. The vocal solos, which were enjoyed very much, were given by the following: Sister Opal Gann of Rome, Ga., Brother Shelton Brock, Brother T. C. Franklin, Brother Duck of Lavonia. Two splendid trios were present: one composed of Sisters Lemons, Blackwell, and Walker of Cleveland, Tenn.;and Brothers Welsley, James, and Alvin Daniel of Atlanta, Ga. Among the quartets serving on the program were: the Ever-ready quartet, Cedartown, Ga.; Lindale Y. P. E. quartet, Lindale, Ga.; Smith quartet, Lindale, Ga.; and Atlanta girls' quartet, Atlanta, Ga. The services of all the musicians present were greatly appreciated, and the music furnished was certainly enjoyed.

Of the visitors from neighboring states we were especially glad to welcome two state Y. P. E. and S. S. superintendents, Brother T. C. Franklin of North Carolina and Brother Clifford Jenkerson of Tennessee. It is impossible for the young people and others of Georgia to express our appreciation for the good consecrated efforts of our state superintendent of Y. P. E. and Sunday School, Brother Joe L. McCoy, and sincerely hope that he will serve our state another year. As it is impossible for actual payment for service rendered we know that God will reward Brother McCoy, and our prayer is that his reward in this life will be his winning many souls to Christ.

Praise God for a good North Georgia Y. P. E. and S. S. convention!—Martha L. Holt, 455-10th St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga.

S. S. Convention Held

HATTIESBURG, Miss.—Dear saints, we held our Sunday School convention Sept. 24-26 at Martha Chapel Church of God (colored.) The Lord surely did bless in a wonderful way. We had good co-operation with the people of our community. The building was a large schoolhouse and it was full day and night. The beds were fine, the meals were good, the music and reports were good. The saints surely did rejoice.—W. A. Wheeler, president; Mrs. V. M. Haynes, treas.; Miss Annie Stewart, sec.; W. M. Stewart, pastor.

Thomasville, Ala. Dist. Y.P.E. and Sunday School Conv'n.

On the last Sunday in August the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's of Thomasville district convened at Nicholsville and God really met that convention and blessed on every hand. Brother Andrews, district superintendent, was in charge of all arrangements and I never saw them handled better. I'm proud of a worker like that. I still thrill when I think of that convention and how the people responded. The pastors on that district were so earnest and faithful towards this great work. The people were there in great heart and the Lord really blessed in the singing, speaking, praying and all, for which we thank God. The subjects of the day were handled by a number of good men and women of God, and Brother Hartline, district pastor, most ably spoke on the Sunday School and Y. P. E. at different times. We really enjoyed this.

Brother Jule Williamson and the Sunny South Sunday School were over, doing all they could for this work. There were so many delegates that it was a joy to our souls.

Thomasville district is really awake to the necessity of this great work. Look out, Anniston, they are after your Sunday School banner. Any party or district pastor who is not enthusiastic about your convention, just attend one please and we'll hear from you asking us to put one on for you. God bless you.—Lottie Baird, state Sunday School superintendent; Edith Baird, state Y. P. E. superintendent, 2511 20th Place, Ensley, Ala.

Church Dedicated in Canada

We, the Church of God at Windsor, Ont., Can., are thankful that the Lord has given us a home church. We have been struggling for some time trying to get located, but it seemed we were hindered at every turn of the road. Propositions to buy were offered and when time came to close the deal they would be blocked, but one day our Brother Henson, who has gone on to his reward, located a little church at 650 East Chatham St. He talked to the owners and the pastor; then after a season of prayer the Lord put it on their hearts to sell us the property. We bought it at a reasonable figure and began to repair the building. We moved in for services and up to date we have made our payments and the outlook is very bright. We have just redecorated the building inside and out, put in new light fixtures, also fixed the parsonage, which is part of the building.

We arranged to have special meetings on Sept. 17, 18, 19 and dedicated the church the night of the 18th. All the pastors on the district were present, also many of the membership. The church was filled to its capacity during the services.

On the night of the 18th our district overseer, Brother E. L. Simmons, helped us in raising between eighty and ninety dollars on the property. Our state overseer, Brother Paul H. Walker, preached a dedicatory sermon. We certainly appreciate the services of our esteemed state overseer. He labored hard for the church here. He was with us for three days and it was a blessing to have him with us to preach and sing for us. Brother Walker was in charge of the services.

The meetings were climaxed Sunday afternoon with a full house and the Lord especially blessing. We can truthfully say that these were some of the greatest meetings that we have ever attended. The power of God was with us most wonderfully. We appreciate the services of our pastor, Brother C. R. Cook, who is a real laborer for the Lord in this vineyard. Remember to pray for us in Windsor, that the Church of God may move forward and souls be brought into the kingdom. —Yours in the Master's service, Ted Thibodeau.

Great Victory for Harlan

HARLAN, Ky.—We have just closed a revival at Harlan, Ky. with Sister Mary Denny of Middleton, Ohio doing the preaching. This revival lasted five weeks. Fourteen were saved, eight sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost. There were from eighteen to thirty at the altar every night and much conviction on the folks. It seemed at times the presence of the Lord was so great that folks would just stand and cry. Many times the altar was so full that no one else could find a place to kneel and some would just pray at their seats.

Sister Denny surely did some wonderful preaching. She always came in the stand with the anointing and had no foolishness attached to her message, but the fear of God would settle down on her and the congregation in such a way that it made all fear the Lord. The house was crowded every night to its utmost capacity and many times there was not standing room for the folks. We believe this is a great victory for Harlan. While we only received two into the church, many others are trying to qualify for membership. Those who read this please pray a special prayer for Harlan church as there were left at least thirty seekers at the close of this revival.—T. A. Richard, pastor, Box 45.

New Church Set in Order in Oklahoma

CROMWELL, Okla.—Dear readers, we are so glad for the way the dear Lord is blessing at Cromwell.

Last winter one of our members from here was transferred by the company he worked for to Cromwell. We hated to give them up here but God knew just how to work things around to get a church at that place.

He started prayer meeting up in his home on Thursdays nights and we would go over every time we could get off and help them. Those prayer meetings just kept growing until the house would hardly hold the crowd. Then Brother Issam came along and held a good revival and quite a number prayed through, so we went over last week and set a new church in order, and my, the Lord came down in the old-time way and blessed our souls. My husband preached on the Church and read the teachings and only five presented themselves for membership at first, and as we began to give them the right hand of fellowship the power fell and one dear brother cried out, "Wait just a minute, I want to come into the Church," and then another, and another until there were eleven. And we feel two or three more would have come in if they had been there that night. Anyway we feel they will have twenty members soon. People seem so hungry for the real Church of God there. They like its good, clean teachings.

Two or three of these dear brothers feel the call of God in their hearts, so that makes them really have the get-up about them. They hold street meetings on Saturday evenings and cottage prayer meetings in their homes. They are talking of building a new church soon. They want it before the weather gets cold and I feel sure they will get it as they seem to have a mind to work. Thank God!

Most of these saints are just young in the Lord but they seem to be really established. Do pray for them that God will continue to bless them. They organized a Sunday School and had fifty-four in attendance last Sunday, we think. We feel this is a dependable work. Let's hold them up in prayer. They also have several good musicians and singers.

A dear family from our church here went over with us last week and they really like to be where the power is falling, so they said on the way home that they would like to be in a band like that all the time. Well it's wonderful how God can lift us up above the shadows in these last days. Bless His wonderful name! Just pray for us and the church here at Seminole also.—Brother and Sister Curtsinger, pastor, Seminole, Okla.

Williston District Sunday School Convention

We enjoyed the good presence of the Lord at the Williston, Fla. district Sunday School convention at Newberry, Fla. on Sept. 12.

The convention came to order with prayer and songs. Brother J. C. Harper, pastor of Newberry, gave us a hearty welcome to the convention. We enjoyed a good Sunday School lesson which was inspiring to us. There was a good delegation from Williston and Crystal River and other nearby churches. Just before the eleven o'clock service Brother Bowen of High Springs, Fla. talked on "The Need of Sunday School." The short message was real soul food. The visiting ministers were Brothers C. M. Phillips, J. W. Coleman, J. T. Brown, J. I. Baldree, W. A. Bowen and Thomas J. Durrance. Brother C. M. Phillips brought the morning message, the Lord blessed throughout the service. Brother Phillips preached on "The Importance of Sunday School." It was a soul-stirring message to the church. The Lord wonderfully blessed our souls while we sang the songs of Zion. Sister Leona Wingate and writer sang a special number after which we adjourned for noon where a beautiful spread was laid and we enjoyed a good feast for the natural man.

Afternoon services were brought to order by Brother J. C. Harper, God blessed in a good way in the singing. Several speakers were on the afternoon program.

I enjoyed being at Newberry Church of God. We felt the good fellowship of the saints there. Brother J. C. Harper and his sweet wife are doing a good work there for God.—Humbly, Edna Durrance.

Obituaries

PARMER

Brother F. M. Parmer of Monroe, La. departed this life Aug. 30, 1937. He was a faithful member of the Church of God. Funeral service was conducted by the writer and interment made in the Spring Hill cemetery.—O. B. Myrick, Dunn, La.

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BROWN

Sister L. R. Brown departed this life Sept. 22, 1937. She was a loyal member of the Church of God. Sister Brown had passed her eighty-seventh birthday and had spent a great portion of her life in service for God. Funeral services were conducted by Brother L. J. Key and her body was laid to rest in Chiefland cemetery.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. L. J. Key, Chiefland, Fla.

Something Got Hold of Me

GRANITE FALLS, N. C.—How I praise God for what He has done for me. On the 31st night of July of this year at Hickory, N. C. at a tent meeting I humbled myself down before God and He wonderfully blessed me. He saved my poor soul, took away that awful burden of sin that had been there for years. Praise His good name. What a good Lord He is. In just a short time He sanctified me and I was wonderfully blessed. I fell down at the altar and it was not long until He filled me with the good Holy Ghost and I shouted and praised God for what He had done for me. Bless His good name. I still feel good in my soul and I go to every meeting I can get to.

You know I just lacked twenty days being thirty-nine years old when this all happened and I lived in sin all that time, just out all the time for the devil. I have loved this way for a long time but old Satan just kept me bound. My wife has had the blessing for almost eleven years and she has had a hard time with me. I surely have given her some trouble. She has fasted and prayed for me but the devil just had me to put this off. Praise God for His good power.

I had been a drunkard and gambler and most everything else. In 1935 on the 22nd of November I decided to stop drinking but never thought much about getting right with God. I went over a year without drinking anything, but some time after Christmas the devil told me I ought to drink just a little beer, it would not hurt me, and I listened to him. A little later it was a bottle of wine. About that time I was about to decide to get right and the more I thought about it the more the devil told me to drink. My wife was troubled very badly as old Satan was working so hard. She told me the first thing I knew I would be back to whiskey and would be just as bad as ever but the old devil told me that I knew best, but she was right, it grew bigger and worse. My wife's health was very bad and she had to stop work in the mill sometime ago and hasn't been able to work since. She has had an operation and the devil has tried to keep her down. We are going to give him a black eye every time we can. That is his job, to keep her down until she can't go to church. I want all to pray that we can get him under our feet and keep him there.

Sometime ago my mill stopped for a week and I got off another week and we went to the mountains for a few days' rest. I got drunk that day and got in jail that night. My wife paid me out the next day and was very worried about it. I didn't stop at that, I still had to get drunk. The good Lord was wanting me to stop but you know that old fellow, the devil, has lots of power.

I was getting in an awful shape but on or about the 21st of July God started to working with me and the longer the worse. Praise His good name forever. I promised God if He would save me I would do anything He wanted me to do and I would not stop until I got through. About Tuesday I got worse, the devil had tried to make me think that there wasn't any chance for me, but God had showed me I could if I would pay the price. I was in such a shape I went over to my sister's to get her to pray for me. My wife was in the hospital. I was at home by myself and I would think of how she had begged me to let her pray for me and I had just put her off.

Again I went to my sister's to get help and the devil got me to put it off. I went back on Wednesday for help again but the devil just had me to put it off again. I went with them to the tent meeting that night and went to the altar for the first time in my life and felt better. I said, "Saturday night I will go back again and I will stay until I get saved," so I went Saturday night. Brother Stephens, the state overseer, was conducting the services. He talked about fifteen minutes, I guess, but it seemed like an hour to me, for the old devil was trying his best to keep me. He knew he was about to lose a good soldier. The good Holy Ghost took charge of the service. Oh glory to God, you don't know how I felt and what a time it was. About that time the devil told me that I need not go to the altar, there wasn't any chance for me, that I had waited too long to get right with God. They made an altar call and, praise His good name, I fell in the altar and began to cry out to God to save my soul. In a short time He did the work for me and I surely got a good pay day. Bless the name of Jesus. I think it is wonderful what a good Lord we have to save poor sinners like me and clean them up. You know it cleaned me up from sin and filth and made me so happy I did not know what to do.

I hope this will be a help to some poor sinner that he might get right with God before it is too late. I told God if He would only save my soul I would do anything He wanted me to do, I would testify every time I got a chance; a word against the devil is good. I want all the saints to pray hard for me that I will hold out faithful and do His will and be ready when He comes or calls.—L. C. Maltba.

God is Blessing in Uniontown

We truly thank our Father above for Sister Nona Dame as our leader this year. She is one who has real salvation and loves God. She is one who has made great sacrifices for the Church of God at Uniontown, Pa. God is blessing while some have fallen away. He is adding true worshippers to the flock. Sister Dame truly loves the Lord. We believe with all our hearts she is a true shepherd to her flock. Her words of tender kindness, her tears of sympathy, her precious prayers for lost souls, her encouraging words and prayers that help bring back the backsliders and the good food God brings to our hungry souls through her mean so much to us.

We praise the Lord for Sister Dame and the great help she has been to us. We are praying that God will let us have her another year if it's His will. May the Lord have His way, He knows what is best and what we need. The sermons she preaches, the prayers she prays help to keep her flock from going astray. She visits, sings, worships, smiles and never fails to pray for and with the sick. We need her good co-operation for surroundings towns to build a Church of God.—Sister Dortha Romesburg, 510 North Ave., Connellsville, Pa.

Wonderfully Healed

Dear readers, I praise the Lord for healing my body. About two months ago I had a nervous breakdown and I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would serve Him. I was a sinner but the Lord answered prayer and wonderfully healed me. Please pray that I will go on and get the full blessing. I haven't yet received the Holy Ghost and I need your prayers, because you know I can't serve the Lord like I should without the full experience. Please do not pass this up but pray for me.—Humbly yours, Roy H. Bell, Copperhill, Tenn.

Progressing Nicely

GASTONIA, N. C.—Dear saints everywhere, we are glad to report victory in the Church of God at Belmont. We are having some of the best services I ever was in. Brother I. H. Marks has been with us the past ten days, and oh, what wonderful preaching. We believe much and everlasting good has been accomplished. The revival closed Aug. 28 with the Lord's Supper and feet washing, and my, how the dear Lord did bless. We thank God for Brother Marks.

Then Sunday morning in our regular service our pastor, Brother A. M. Phillips, was in charge and how the Lord did come down and take charge and bless with that good mellow spirit. Even sinners wept and cried. We thank God for a man like Brother Phillips. He has done a great work here. We have doubled in membership in the three years Brother Phillips has been here and the church has paid more tithes this year than it ever has since being built in 1925. People who had become discouraged and left the church have come back and today they have complete victory. The church here will never get done praising God for sending Brother Phillips this way. Oh, he is so good in visiting the sick and praying with them. I feel that the church that gets him next year surely will get a wonderful man of God and he will prove a great blessing to any church. Everyone please pray for the church here. This has been one outstanding year of all years for us here and we want everyone to pray that next year we will go far beyond this. Pray for me that I will ever be at my best for God.—Lee Griffin, Smyre Mill.

We Put Our Trust in Jesus

I thank and praise God for His wonderful healing power and for the healing of my baby. A few days after we moved here she stuck a nail so near through her foot it made a blue place on top. We didn't use any medicine at all, we just prayed to the great Doctor above, and praise His dear name forever, her foot never did seem to hurt her, and in less time than two weeks her foot was well. Praise the Lord.

When she first took the whooping cough she was so sick she just lay in my lap and groaned at almost every breath. I started in the room to lay her on the bed and she said, "Me want daddy to pray for me," but he was away working so another sister and I prayed and, bless the name of our dear Lord, in less than twenty minutes she was up playing and the whooping cough hasn't hurt her at all. I am giving God the praise for it all.

He also healed my little boy's leg when he stuck a snag in it. We tried the doctor and he did what he could. We also bought medicine but it didn't seem to help, so we just began to put our trust in Jesus. We requested prayer and prayed for him ourselves and, praise the Lord, it got well in just a short time. Pray for me to ever stand true to my soon coming King.—Mamie Cox.

Glad of My Experience With the Lord

Dear saints, as I sit and read the good news from so many fields and of so many precious souls being blessed, saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost, how my heart does burn within me to be out and doing something for God in these last dark days of sin. "His name shall be called Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins." That was His mission on earth, and if we, His children, fail to get souls saved, redeemed from sin, our efforts in the end will be fruitless and souls will be lost. If the righteous scarcely be saved where will the sinner and the ungodly appear?

I hear of some dear ones of God going back in sin. My Lord, my Lord, what a dangerous thing for precious people to do. Oh, if I could put my arms around the lost and take them to God.

If there ever was a time that I was glad of salvation, my little experience with the good Lord, it is just now. I am glad I have my sins under the blood of Jesus. Glory to God. The sweet Holy Ghost abides. I love the Church of God so much because it is of God and there is none other like it. May God bless and encourage His dear children and save the lost.—Humbly, A. F. Wilson, 54 Spafford, Wilmington, N. C.

Our First Convention on Prince Edward Island

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Can. —Greetings to the Evangel readers. I am glad to report the great success of our first convention on Prince Edward Island, which was held Aug. 20-22 at Harmony. Brother C. E. Glenn, overseer of the Island, also pastor of the Harmony church, gave the welcome address on Friday evening and I am sure everyone felt welcome.

Saturday was the Sunday School program which was largely attended. Sister Ida (Scoggins) Hawkes gave a splendid address on the Sunday School. This was greatly appreciated by both the children and parents. On Saturday evening the hall was well filled. Brother M. E. Littlefield of Charlottetown was the speaker.

Sunday was a blessed time in the Lord. Many were blessed. There were several speakers from the other churches and missions. Brother George Barker of Pennsylvania rendered special music on his guitar which everyone enjoyed. We also had special singing by Sister Betty Meney and others. Sunday evening Sister Monroe Barker of West Devon brought a wonderful message to a large audience. There were also other speakers who brought some good messages during the convention. The good spirit and fellowship that was felt from the beginning to the end will long be remembered.

We love Brother and Sister Glenn and family for their good work on the island. I am sure their efforts have not been in vain, as we can see a great harvest of souls, if the Lord tarries and God's people will keep humble and in the center of His divine will. We now have two churches and four missions and some real consecrated workers

We came to Charlottetown June 1. This is a hard place but we are looking forward to a great work. The harvest truly is great but the workers are few. We are trusting in the Lord to help us and desire the prayers of all the saints. —Sincerely, Mrs. Millard Littlefield, 32 Hensley St.

Healed in Revival

EMPIRE, Ala.—I thank the Lord for the sweet Holy Ghost which abides within me. I thank Him for the five weeks' revival which we had. A goodly number received the blessing, nineteen were baptized in water.

I was sick during this revival. The doctor said I had gallstones on the liver. How I suffered. It seemed I could not stand it much longer. My children wanted me to go to the hospital but I told them I did not want to go. I had been prayed for a few times before this and was not healed. That night prayer was called for the sick. Brother Oscar York and the saints laid hands on me and the dear Lord healed me. The mighty power of God went through my body. That was the 17th of July and I am still healed today.

I have three sons who are not saved. Please pray for the Lord to save them before it is too late. I feel like pressing the battle on until Jesus comes or calls. Pray for my home that the Lord will save them all before it is too late.—Your sister under the blood, Hattie Mukin.

A Word of Heartfelt Thanks

RANGER, Ga.—Just a word of heartfelt thanks for the many prayers and anointed handkerchiefs that have been sent to our boy, Ted Watson. He was in the hospital at Tate, Ga. Above all we thank God for healing his body when the doctor said there was no chance for him. Please pray for me that I may be in the center of the Lord's will at all times.—Houston Watson, Route 2.

Requests

Please pray for me that I will be healed of heart trouble. I also have two unspoken requests which I want you to pray for.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Lillie Poteat, Elkin, N. C.

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Please pray a special prayer for me, I am afflicted in my body. I have been trusting the Lord with my body about three years. Remember my two children in prayer also.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Lester Johnson, Alma, Ga.

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Please pray to God in behalf of three unspoken requests for me. Pray and ask God to bless and give victory for these. —A sister in Christ, Mrs. D. L. McMullin, Route 5, Box 80, Live Oak, Fla.

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Please pray that I will get close to the Lord and that the Lord will heal my body. Pray that a church will be established in Bluefield. I love the Church of God and mean to stick to it. Pray for me.—A sister in Christ, Margie Hampton, Bluefield, Va.

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Dear saints, please pray for me to stand true, also pray for the healing of my body and for my husband and two children. We don't live close to a Church of God. I don't get to go very often and many times I get so hungry for a good feast of the gospel. Pray for my husband that his body may be healed and that he will live for Christ. Pray for my dear old mother and father who are trying to live for Christ.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Ola Sikes, Hilliard, Fla.

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Please pray earnestly for my son who is in a serious condition in a hospital that he may be healed, if it is God's will. Pray for his soul also. The request is very urgent.—A heartbroken mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Ham, Flat River, Mo.

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Please pray for my wife who is in bed afflicted with rheumatism and heart trouble. She is a member of the Church of God at Carrier Mills, Ill.—Brother Phillips, Rt. 1, Creal Springs, Ill.

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Dear saints, please pray for my brother's and sister's children, Lonzo and Albert, to be healed.—Your friend, Lillie Nations, Baldwin, Ga.

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Please pray for our little family. My wife and I are very feeble in our bodies, we are hardly able to go. Also remember our oldest daughter in prayer. We thank God for the Church of God in Wilmington and for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister H. T. Durden.—Humbly, A. F. Wilson, 54 Spafford, Wilmington, N. C.

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Dear readers, please pray that I will hold out to the end. Pray for my two sisters that the Lord will heal them. One of them has a badly burned leg and the other a large boil. Also pray for our little church here. I have a special request which I want you to pray for. My little thirteen-year-old sister can't talk and can barely walk a little over the house and she can't feed herself. She is just as helpless as a little baby. Pray that the Lord will make her completely whole, if it is His will. Her name is Almer Abernathy. I believe the Lord can heal any kind of sickness.—A sister in Christ, Magdaline Thrasher, Brice, Ga.

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Please pray for my feet, they hurt me terribly.—Yours truly, Mrs. William Harvey, Jr., East New Market, Md.

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Please pray for the healing of my foot. I fell the first day of June and for about three months I could not bear my weight on it. I had the saints to pray for it and the Lord touched it and it is lots better. Please pray until your prayers go through that I will be healed. Pray for my loved ones who are out in sin that they will be saved. Pray for my home that it will be a home of prayer.—Your sister in Christ, Ida Lay, Lundale, W. Va.

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I'm in a revival at Hanna, Okla. God is blessing. I have an unspoken request which I want you to remember. Also pray for my wife who has been in the hospital four years. — Cecil Tomlinson, Hanna, Okla.

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I have been afflicted in my body for three weeks. The Lord has touched my body but I am not completely healed. Please pray for me until you get victory and that the Lord will give my strength back so I can go back to work. Pray that the Lord will help us in getting our church completed.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Bertie Ivey, Neely Mill, York, S. C.

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Dear saints, please pray that God will heal my child so she can walk. She is three years of age and has never walked. I know the Lord can if we only trust Him. I need your prayers.—Mrs. Nelle Wood, R. F. D. 1, Reform, Ala.

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Dear saints, there is a lump in my breast that's been there, I reckon, about two years. Sometime ago it began giving me trouble, so I wrote to the paper for prayer and I believe the Lord healed me but the lump isn't gone. I am trusting the Lord to take it out and leave no sign of it. I thank everyone who prayed for me and especially Brother C. E. Johnson as he was the last one who prayed for me before I received hy healing. Dear saints, please pray for me that I will be completely healed and that I will be a blessing to others.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Dora Buchanan, Rt. 4, Martin, Tenn.

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Please remember Luella Miller in special prayer for healing. Also pray for another lady for overcoming power.—One who loves the Lord, 1346 Derry Rd., Palmyra, Pa.

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Please pray a special prayer for me, I am afflicted in my body. I'm unsaved so please pray until God hears and heals. If anyone will send me an anointed handkerchief, I will appreciate it. — Mrs. Frankie Miller, Gen. Del., Johnson City, Tenn.

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Please pray much for my wife, Pearl, that she will get saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I need her to help me in my work in winning lost souls.—T. H. Taylor (colored), 303 Brezel St., Goldsboro, N. C.

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Please pray for me that God will give me more faith. I haven't been in a Church of God in over two years. Please pray earnestly for my daughter, she is called to preach and the devil is after her. Anyone who has the gift of healing, I would appreciate it if you would send me an anointed handkerchief for the complete healing of my body and for my daughter who needs prayer. Pray for me and my family, just think what it means not to hear a Church of God preacher in over two years. You can imagine how hungry we are to hear a good sermon.—A sister in Christ, Maggie Cameron, Hubbard City, Tex., Rt. 2.

Have Victory in My Soul

Dear Evangel readers, I praise God this morning for the victory I have in my soul. I praise Him for touching my body, though I am not completely healed. Please fast and beg God to give me more faith.

I praise God for the services we have in Stillmore. God is wonderfully blessing. He saved my sister last Saturday night. Pray that she will be sanctified and get the Holy Ghost and all that God has for her. I also have an unspoken request that I would like for you to take to God in fasting and prayer. God knows all about it. Loved ones, please don't pass this unnoticed for it is very important, so remember it.—A sister under the blood, Lizzie McLendon, Stillmore, Ga., Route 2.

Testimonies

Praise God For His Presence

On January 13 of this year I was taken suddenly ill and rushed to town to a doctor but he gave me no relief. He advised me to go to my sister's and stay where he could get to me and also until I got easy, where I'd be more able to be moved. I went. My sister, of course, was glad for me to be with her and seemed to be so sorry for me, as that was natural, but she nor her husband has salvation. He especially was a holiness fighter. All the while I grew worse and we could not pray aloud very much but lots of times when my brother-in-law was in my room I'd just start calling on the Lord. He would go out of the room soon. I would sometime come to myself and my sister would be over me saying, "My Lord, do help her. She is needed by those little children." She would say something about our pastor praying for me (she thinks lots of him), but she knew her husband wouldn't like it if he came. At last I sent my son to go tell Brother Weeks I was sick, where I was, what kind of place I was in and that he could not be welcomed in the home on account of my brother-in-law. So Brother Weeks and his good wife came to see me. My brother-in-law didn't do anything, just asked them in my room and passed on out of the house. They came to my bed and I could feel the very presence of God in their hands. They stayed with me only a few minutes for they feared the man might say something to me but I could feel the effect of prayer by 9:00 o'clock. This was about 5 o'clock in the evening. Brother Weeks is a man of real prayer. He seems to want to help his people out by helping bear their burdens, he gets under their troubles with prayer, helps as long as he can and is very patient and kind. —Mrs. J. B. King, Gen. Del., Bainbridge, Ga.

Healing Power Felt

As I sit and meditate on how the Lord has blessed and how good He has been to me my heart overflows with joy.

This afternoon I praise the Lord for His great healing power. He healed my little boy when it looked like his next minute would be his last one. He was so little and weak, he weighed only nine pounds at seven months of age, the most he had ever weighed. People would say to me, "Well, sister, I don't believe you'll ever raise him," but, praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow, there's nothing impossible with Him. Last summer the same child took sick and after about a month of illness he took the whooping cough. The enemy tried to make us think that we would lose him that time. He would fall most every time he tried to walk. Brothers Eades and Ralph Wilbanks prayed for him and he was healed. Hallelujah! About the same time the devil afflicted me too. I couldn't eat or drink anything without vomiting it up. I had a severe hurting in my side. Some seemed to think I had appendicitis. I called some of the saints to pray for me. I got better for a little while but got worse again. My husband carried me to the doctor; he didn't do me any good. We came back by Brother Sprouse's and had prayer. The power of God fell. It fell on me too and I was healed. Call my name in your prayers for I need them. Pray for the church here.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Sallie Kelley, Rt. 2, Walhalla, S. C.

Thank the Lord for His Healing Power

I praise the Lord for His goodness to me. It has been over fifteen years since I received the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for His stripes for by them we are healed.

When I was a little girl I had the measles and they settled in my eyes. At this time mother did not know anything about divine healing and I suffered with my eyes greatly. I thought that I would lose my sight, but thank God for Brother Underwood. He brought the most glorious gospel to Rock Hill, S. C. that I have ever heard. A church was set in order. I began to go to church there. They preached divine healing and I had them pray for me. God healed my eyes. I thank God for it. My eyes haven't bothered me since, but I have been tried in other sickness. Three years ago this last July 18 I was taken ill with appendicitis. I was as helpless as a baby. I had to be turned on a sheet for about three weeks, then I began to get better. Brother Jacobs prayed for me, the Lord touched my body and I am healed. Glory to God! I thank God for our pastor, Brother Linwood Jacobs. He seems to love the church and the church loves him. The church is growing and prospering under his leadership, in fact, the membership has doubled. Pray for my mother, also me, my home, and unsaved husband.—Daisy Bigham, Rt. 4, Box 8, Rock Hill, S. C.

Determined to Win

I praise God this morning for what I feel in my soul and the determination I have to go on with Jesus. When I started this way I didn't start to turn back. I thank Him for His healing power, the way He heard and answered my prayer. I am staying in Tampa taking care of a little girl. She broke out with sores all over. I knew God was able to heal her. I prayed and laid hands on her and she is healed today. Praise His name! The Lord healed me of appendicitis. I haven't been in this way but a short time but I'm on the firing line for God. I feel the call for lost souls. Everyone pray that God will have His way in my life. I want to be just what God wants me to be. I have me a new guitar and I sing for His glory.—A willing worker for God, Miss Mary R. Kidd, 509 E. Virginia Ave., Tampa, Fla.

His Redeeming Grace Reached Me

I praise the Lord this evening for His great healing power, for redeeming grace that reached me. I promised the Lord if He would heal my baby's mouth I would testify through the Evangel. The baby's mouth was full of sores, it seemed that nothing did it any good. My husband and I prayed for her and now she is a well baby. Everyone who reads this pray earnestly that we will have more faith to trust the Lord for the healing of our bodies. It's my desire to fully trust in Him.—Effie Mason, Rt. 2, Red Bay, Ala.

A Praise to God for Healing

LAKE CITY, Fla.—I praise the Lord for the healing of my body. Last Saturday night I awoke and started to turn over and it felt like the bone in the back of my neck broke and the pain in my neck went down in my shoulder. I couldn't get up or move any way without it paining so badly until I could hardly bear it. Mother prayed for me and God healed me but before He healed me I promised Him I would tell about it.

I am twelve years old. I do not have salvation but mother and daddy are saved, sanctified and filled with heaven's Holy Ghost and I know God is real and true because when we children get sick they don't run to the medicine case and get a lot of medicine and give up like they used to, but they go to God's medicine case and get the best kind of medicine and it doesn't take a week or so for us to get well.

About a year ago the Lord healed me of tonsillitis, which I had most all of my life. I surely thank God for it.

I would like for you praying people who know what Bible School means to please pray for me to get to go next year, if it is God's will. Pray that I will do the Lord's will while I am young and can. The things of the world surely do not appeal to me.—Bonnie Faye Christie, U. S. Veteran Hospital.

Wonderful Saving Grace

I have felt for several days like sounding a praise to our God for His wonderful saving grace. I thank Him for the precious blood that has been applied and the sweet Holy Ghost that abides now and too, I can never praise Him enough for the great Church of God. It is wonderful to have light on the Church. Almost three years ago Brother Black came to Cedartown preaching the good gospel in its fullness. I was enjoying the good blessing of the Holy Ghost but as I went and heard him expound the good truth I saw the light on the Church. I hated to give up my church but I saw I would backslide if I didn't walk in the light and I surely thank God that I got willing to come in the Church. There is not a doubt in my mind because the Church of God is as real to me as the Holy Ghost. Thank God! It makes my heart sad when I see people who won't accept the Church but she is rising and shining in the face of opposition. Some of these days she is going up and how we do need to live according to the precious Word, so as to be in the crowd that will be caught up to meet Jesus in the air.

I thank God for His good healing power. About two months ago I was marvelously healed of a cancer. The doctors said I couldn't get well. They carried me to the hospital but said I was too far gone to be operated on; I couldn't lift my head off my pillow. The good people kept praying for me; one night after service they came by and prayed for me. When I said I would give up the dope the Lord healed me instantly and I came out of bed by myself and began to walk. I am still well and have been going ever since.—Mrs. Charles Whitfield, 102 Howell St., Rome, Ga.

Healed of Kidney Trouble

MT. HEBRON, Calif.—Dear saints everywhere, this morning still finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. Praise His name! I praise the Lord for healing my body two months ago. I took sick with a severe kidney trouble after giving birth to a baby boy. It seemed I couldn't live. Several of Job's comforters came. I was very sick for three weeks. My mother and several others kept praying. Many kept saying if I didn't go back to the hospital I was going to die. I kept praying and trusting the Lord. One Sunday afternoon the Lord healed me. Praise His good name! The Lord can do anything.

We are trusting the Lord will send some good preacher here to hold a revival. There are no Church of God people here except my mother, two sisters and I. Grants Pass, Oreg. is the nearest Church of God to us but we hope to have a church set in order here in this valley in the near future. Everybody pray for me to hold out faithful to the end. Also pray for this place, there's many honest-hearted people here but there is no church at all.

Any time a Church of God preacher feels led to come up here in this Red Rock Valley and have meeting, you are welcome to have service in my house. I am a member of the Church of God. Jesus is coming soon and I want to be ready. We don't have long to work for Him. Pray for me and my home.—Your sister in the Lord, Mrs. Maye Johnson.

The Lord Has Blessed Me

I praise the Lord for what He is to me and for the way He has blessed me. I got struck across the eye and forehead with a stick which almost ruined my eyesight as it knocked me blind. We went to Brother Josh Carter's and had him pray for me and I promised the Lord if He would heal my eye and restore my sight again I would testify to it. He did as I asked so I am trying to fill my promise this morning. I praise Him with all my heart, soul and mind. Pray for me as I am suffering with something like nervousness. Pray for my home.—Era White, Nicholls, Ga.

God Showed Me Where I Stood

Dear saints of God, I praise God for what He means to me. I am saved, sanctified, baptized with the sweet Holy Ghost and belong to the Church of God. And if He has done all that to a creature like me, He's able to save the whole world if they will only conform to His will. Glory to Him who gave His life to save us from—not in—our sins.

I'd been a conscientious Christian for years and years; served as clerk in a church six years, took active part in another religious organization for ten years, but when I heard the Word preached, I mean the full Gospel rightly divided, by a Church of God evangelist preacher (his name or the place didn't matter, but I'll tell it anyway. There will be saints read this who are witnesses to the fact. Brother Richard at Eldorado, Ill.) God showed me exactly where I stood. Hallelujah! Thank the Lord I walked up that aisle and kept going until God touched my soul with the fire. Oh, the precious blood of Jesus, how it cleansed my soul. Then I still went to that altar until the Holy Ghost came and filled my soul with the glorious peace and comfort that only He can give.

I read where one asked for prayer for victory over the snuff habit. Dear one, God can and will give you victory if you'll do your part. Ask and you shall receive. I know He took away one fifty-year habit from me. It went back to the devil where it belonged, and glory to God, I was free. I didn't ask Him to make it easy for me, I only said, "Lord, please help me to get free from this filthy habit." I burned the snuff box and all, and, glory to God, from that minute on I've been free.

I have an unspoken request for prayer for a loved one. Saints, please pray for me. I know God will undertake.

I want to find the Church of God in Detroit. I have been to one called the Bethany Church of God but I'd like to hear the full gospel rightly divided once more. I don't mean to speak against any church but I'd like to feel the power fall.

Pray that I will continue in this faith once delivered to the saints.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Nellie Shoemaker, 1316 Hart Ave., Detroit, Mich.

How God Deals With Us

HOUSTON, Texas. — Thirty-eight years ago the first day of last January I gave my heart to the Lord. I was taken sick with pneumonia and the fever and pain seemed more than I could bear. I realized that God was calling me from the walks of life. I was unprepared to meet God. I realized my doom was in endless hell. I told my dear mother that I was going down to a graveless hell. She said, "Probably you won't die." I was battling between life and death. God gave me a vision of hell and I in it. I felt every description that is mentioned in the Bible in hell and in this agony I cried unto God that if He would save me I would do anything until death. The terrors of hell flew away, condemnation and burden rolled away and peace came in my heart. I called for prayer. My uncle prayed for me and the Lord removed the fever right then; as He spoke the fever left me in the twinkling of an eye. Praise the Lord.

The seventeenth day of February following, consecrating my life to the Lord He sanctified me, cleansed my heart of that carnality. I spent nineteen years with the Gospel Trumpet Church of God people. In the short time of my service I was ordained deacon and made a success by the help of the Lord. We believed when we were sanctified we were baptized with the Holy Ghost.

I came in contact with the Church of God in Cleveland, Tenn. and I got under conviction that they had something that I didn't have and I promised God that I would never eat or drink until He filled me with the Holy Ghost. The second time I went to the altar the Lord filled me with the Holy Ghost and fire and the fire is still burning.—Your brother in the faith, John L. Hillburn, 5120 Larkin St.

THE WHEAT AND TARES

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and will not suffer us to be tempted above that which we are able to stand.

At times it may look like the tares are faring better than the wheat. They flourish and grow, when it seems the wheat is crushed, but it will not always be so, thank God. The tares may flourish here but they have only a short while. It will pay to suffer here and enjoy life everlasting. God is watching every tear that is shed by His people today. He is taking notice every time one is crushed to the ground. God has stood by His people down through the ages and He is going to stand by them until He chooses to take them from the earth. God pity this world when God's children take their departure. It will be an awful place to live. At that time the tares will be gathered together and burned. Then those who have taken their stand for holiness will receive their reward and will see that their labor was not in vain.

Our labor may seem as naught. It may be criticized on every hand, but God is taking notice of our life and labor here, whether they be good or evil. It will pay to stand true. Sometimes we may wonder if it really pays to serve Jesus. When we see some going on seemingly careless, our efforts seem in vain, but still our Savior was reviled and mocked on every side. One of His own disciples turned traitor to Him. Many today, of those we think our closest friends, will, in time of trouble, go back on us and many times betray our trust, just as Judas. Surely it will pay at any cost. Thank God for a hope that reaches far beyond this life out into the life beyond. God is going to lead His people on to victory in this last day. If every one turns his back on the true followers of Jesus, yet God will help us go on in the midst of the darkness and will lead us on to victory. Each test should drive us closer to God. Let us be careful and stay close to His side and He will help us on. It is not going to be much longer. Soon we'll see the Son of man coming in His glory and all the holy angels with Him. He will then separate the wheat from the tares. The wheat will be gathered into the garner. Then we will realize the meaning of our afflictions here. Then we will see that it was worth the heartaches and suffering. I mean to keep true by His grace and help and make it through. I want to see the other side and see the results of this life and the sheaves as they are gathered in.

Some may wonder when the reaping time is coming but it is not coming when the world is at its best, when every one is serving God. There will never be such a day as that until Christ comes back to reign. The reaping time is coming when the world is reeling in iniquity as a drunken man. There is going to be very few true, blood-washed Christians at that time. The tares will have choked out the wheat that has no firm root, and has not stood the storm. Only those who are willing to suffer are going to make it through. It is going to take more than a shallow experience in this last day. It is going to take a rock bottom experience to make it through. We will have to be thoroughly settled in the Word of God, and will have not only to pray but to fast and hold on to God in the old-time way. There is need of a deeper walk with God in this last day. We need to be able to discern between the Spirit of God and the spirit of error. The devil comes in so many cunning ways that only those who are thoroughly posted and those who know the Lord in the power of the Spirit can detect Him. The true people of God have His number and know just when He comes around. Thank God, we cannot fool the Holy Ghost. The God whom we serve is able to deliver us and will let us know His will. We will reveal the sly tricks of the devil. Many times men are deceived but thanks be to God, we can not deceive Him. I am glad that God knows each one of us and knows our motive in this life. He knows whether or not we will stand for the truth and whether we are wheat or tares. We just as well come clean with God and let our life be an open book before the world. I wonder how many would be willing for their life to be read out before this world, but we can not hide from the searching eye of God. He knows every thought and every word we say. Let us be careful and let our light shine and I'm sure if we guard our lives and stay prayerful in this last day we will make it through.

MISSION PAGE

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Red Cross and ministering to the wounded and dying on the field of battle. Calls are going out for volunteers, both fighters and non-combatants. We are surrounded by sandbag embankments and barbed wire entanglements to keep out the combatants should they try to enter the settlement. Foreign powers are rushing troops and warships here to defend their citizens. Reports show the Japs landed 50,000 more troops last night, and I want you to know they are getting a warm reception. While I write a great battle is raging with the city rocked by the firing of heavy guns.

Pardon me for taking up all this space in the paper. I'd rather be telling you about a great spiritual battle, but we are into it here, and I just wanted you to know that we are up against it so you can pray. I have seen this old-time religion of the Holy Ghost blessing in the Lord, tried out in and under nearly every circumstance that could befall one—earthquakes, war, pestilence, storms at sea; monsoons, and typhoons, hurricanes on land and what not—and in spite of this I can say of a truth, It is so sweet to trust in Jesus. The battle is getting hotter and one never knows when he will be blown to atoms, but should I have to go this way, my "knapsack is strapped upon my back," so to speak, and in that event I shall join the army of the Lord and my soul will go marching on.

PERRY-SCOPE

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duty in life. Don't forget that God is more interested in keeping us right than we are in keeping ourselves right, and in all of the smallest details of life He will bless, help and keep us if we wholly follow and trust Him.

Felt His Healing Power

VALDOSTA, Ga. — Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' dear name. I wrote to Cleveland, Tenn. and sent a handkerchief to be anointed for my healing. Well, praise the Lord, before I could open the letter I felt the healing power and I began to praise the Lord and speak in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

Later Brother L. G. Rouse came through and preached two nights. I attended both services. The church was full both nights. There was a large number who went forward for prayer and I was one of the number.

Well, the Assembly is drawing near, I would like to attend. May God's richest blessings rest upon each of you. Pray for me to stand true and for God to save my husband and children. Thank you so much for the Evangel, I don't feel like I could do without it.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. W. B. Bell, 419 N. Lee St.

Learned to Trust God as My Physician

LEE, Fla.—Dear Evangel readers, I praise God for what He means to me. I thank Him for being saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. I'm glad that I've learned to trust God as my Physician. Praise God. I've found that there is nothing too large or too small but what God can heal. Just the other day my right eye was sore. Some one suggested that I put something in it or I might go blind, but glory be to Jesus, it wasn't but a few moments until God touched my eye and healed it. Please pray for me that I'll stand true to God and the Church.—Your brother in Christ, Ernest McCullough.

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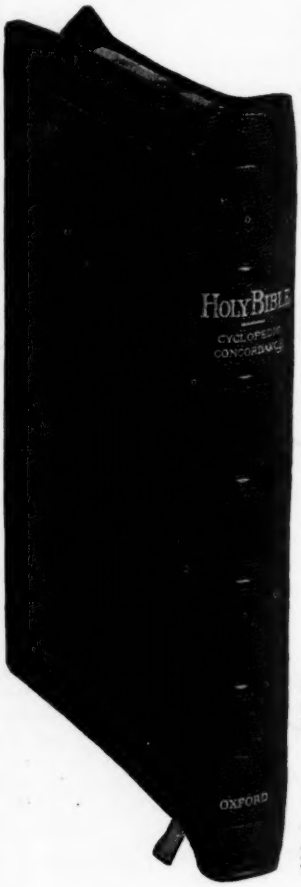

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